

NEBRASKA NEWS

HARRISON CLARKE IS HANGED FOR MURDER.

DROP FALLS AT 2:39 P. M.

Efforts Made to Secure a Stay of Execution on Plea of Insanity Fail.

—Prisoner Exhibits Nerve.

Harrison Clarke, the Omaha colored man, was hanged at the Nebraska penitentiary Friday, December 13 at 2:39 for the murder of Edward Flurry, a crime that was committed March 8, 1906. Every effort to save the man from the gallows failed. The case went through the courts, an appeal was made to Governor Sheldon and at the last hour an effort was made to induce Judge Cornish of the district court to issue a stay of execution to determine the sanity of the condemned man. The insanity plea was inquired into by the judge, witnesses were examined and at 2:15 the judge announced that he could not entertain the application for a trial, it being shown by the evidence that the man was sane.

TO RAISE VALUE OF STATE LAND

Commissioner Eaton Decides to Recommend a Material Increase.

Land Commissioner Eaton has returned from Perkins county where he spent one week inspecting 31,523 acres of state school lands under lease contract. The state land department is having all school lands reappraised, the work having been commenced in 1903 by Land Commissioner Folmer. The land commissioners of Perkins county reappraised all school lands in that county at 50 cents an acre, rental value, regardless of where the land was near or far from a railroad town. Commissioner Eaton, after driving over the county has decided to recommend to the board of educational lands and fund an increase in the appraised value from \$1 to \$6 an acre. He found that most of the state land is used by settlers for grazing purposes, but he believes it is all good for agricultural purposes and the value ought to be raised accordingly. The state has a right any time to increase the appraised value. Mr. Eaton said the land leases from \$10 to \$15 a quarter section and sells for from \$7 to \$20 an acre. In Keith county, just across the county line from some of the land in question, the appraised price for state land leased is \$1.50 an acre and the Keith county land is not as good as the Perkins county land. The state land in other nearby counties is appraised higher than it is in Perkins.

SUSPECTED SUICIDE IN CASS.

Old Settler of Elmwood Is Found Dead in Bed at a Hotel.

George S. Carnehan, of Elmwood, Cass, was found dead in his bed at a Plattsmouth hotel, with indications which may look like suicide. Mr. Carnehan had made Elmwood his home since 1886, coming there from Pennsylvania where he has one brother and one sister. The unfortunate man was about 58 years of age, and had been working as a farm hand around the city, until some eight or ten years ago, since when he was employed in the elevator, formerly owned by Dick Smith, until some two years ago, when he embarked in business for himself, conducting a billiard hall, in which business he was engaged when he took his life.

Mr. Carnehan had been afflicted with a severe and troublesome case of hernia, which has many times made life seem not worth living.

Celebrate Golden Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Pattison of Table Rock, who have resided there about forty years, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary the other day. They were married in Grundy county, Illinois, December 5, 1857. Out of towns guests present were Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Wheeler of Wymore, Mrs. Belle Harlow and son of Bern, Kans., Mr. and Mrs. John Beck of Lincoln, Barney Fitzpatrick of Otoe county, and the Mesdames Lawrence of Elk Creek.

Democratic Dollar Dinner.

William Jennings Bryan will "sound the keynote" at a dollar dinner to be given in Lincoln January 15, under the direction of the democratic state committee. The banquet will be given in the auditorium and it is hoped by the Bryan enthusiasts to bring one thousand people to this banquet. A meeting of the democratic state committee will be held in Lincoln on the same date.

LIGHT PLANT FOR COLUMBUS.

Promoter Wants Franchise for New Station and May Get It.

A new electric light and power plant is among the practical certainties for Columbus in the near future. At a citizens' meeting called by the mayor for the purpose of arriving at the sentiment of the business men and residents of the city relative to the granting of a twenty-year franchise to John Burke and others for an electric lighting and power plant, more than one hundred of the representative business men and property owners were in attendance and the sentiment was strongly in favor of granting the franchise. At the close of the meeting the council met in executive session and passed the franchise ordinance to the second reading, referring the matter to the committee in charge for a few minor changes.

RAILWAY MEN TO MEET.

Trainmen's Committee Will Be in Lincoln on January 3.

The general committee of the Order of Railway Conductors and of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen of the entire Burlington system will meet in Lincoln on January 3. These committees have about forty-five members and the meeting will be one of considerable importance. The committees have charge of the making of schedules, of taking grievances before officials of the road, and of matters in adjustment of disputes for the entire system.

Foster is Bound Over.

At his preliminary hearing in Plattsmouth before Justice of the Peace Archer, Homer Foster was bound over to the district court under bonds of \$500. Foster is the man who was charged by Lawrence Smith with robbery at South Bend. Smith claimed that Foster held him up for about \$5, demanding more, and was going through his pockets for it. At this junction Smith alleges he slashed Foster with his knife, took the money away from Foster and left the latter to care for his wounds the best way he knew how. Smith was allowed to go free by Justice Archer, but is expected to remain in the city to testify at the hearing of the case in the district court.

Poorly Kept State House.

The general condition of the interior of the state house is such that callers often remark that if a private corporation kept a building in such a condition it would be charged with gross negligence. The third floor where there are several offices and storerooms of the state library is in the worst condition. In some of the halls the hemp matting has been worn into strings and persons passing are always in danger of tripping and falling. Yesterday piles of the lumber were on the floors. It is being cut up for shelving in the gallery of the state library to make room for additional books.

Roy Stone, a graduate from the University of Nebraska and a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, who has spent three years in Manila in the employ of the J. G. White Electrical company, stopped in Lincoln last week for a brief visit with friends. He is to visit his former home at Hastings and then go to St. Louis, where his marriage to Miss Marian Hudson will take place Thursday, December 19. Mr. Stone has been very successful in his profession and is under contract to return to Manila for another three years. He and his bride will sail for the Philippines on December 31.

Mail Thief at Nebraska City.

A thief took off the lock on two mail boxes at Nebraska City and abstracted the mail therefrom. Whether the locks were broken off or a key used cannot be told, because no marks were left on the boxes and the fastenings were intact when found on Sunday. A number of letters had been opened and left in the boxes, one of which was in front of the postoffice. All letters having postoffice or express orders were put back in the box and in one box there were seven letters containing express orders. An effort was made to keep the matter quiet. A postal inspector is looking into the matter.

A Fiction Number.

The January Century will be a "fiction number," and among the contributors are the authors of the following popular books: "The Divine Fire," "The Fugitive Blacksmith," "Hugh Wynne," "Gallies," "The Call of the Wild," and "The Magnetic North." There will be also stories by three new writers.

Baptists Visit Burchard.

A delegation of a dozen or more members of the Humboldt Baptist junior went out to Burchard and visited over Sunday with the society of that city, which has just closed a contest for membership and were celebrating the event. The company was chaperoned by Mrs. Hamilton, wife of the pastor, a former resident of Burchard.



"Along the cool, sequester'd vale of life They kept the noiseless tenor of their way."

HE WANTS NO THIRD TERM

President Roosevelt Forcibly Reasserts Former Announcement.

He Says That Under No Circumstances Will He Seek or Accept Another Nomination.

Washington.—President Roosevelt will not be a candidate for a third term. All doubt on this point was Wednesday night dispelled by the authoritative statement from the White house that Mr. Roosevelt still adheres to the declaration of renunciation made on the night of the election three years ago. In the statement issued Wednesday night, President Roosevelt says he has not changed and shall not change the decision delivered to the American people in 1904.

It appears that President Roosevelt had been awaiting the call for the republican national convention to afford the proper opportunity for making his position clear and unmistakable, thus leaving the field clear for Fairbanks, Taft, Cannon, Knox, Foraker and other declared or receptive candidates for the republican nomination. The president's statement follows:

"On the night after election I made the following announcement: 'I am deeply sensible of the honor done me by the American people in thus expressing their confidence in what I have done and have tried to do. I appreciate to the full the solemn responsibility this confidence imposes upon me, and I shall do all that in my power lies not to forfeit it. On the 4th of March next I shall have served three and a half years and this three and a half years constitute my first term. The wise custom which limits the president to two terms regards the substance and not the form, and under no circumstances will I be a candidate for or accept another nomination.'

"I have not changed and shall not change the decision thus announced."

Experts Were Expensive.

New York.—An extra appropriation of \$15,000 for conducting the trial of H. K. Thaw was allowed Friday by the board of estimates. Comptroller Metz said District Attorney Jerome was going to confer with his experts with a view of keeping down the expenses for their testimony at the second trial. "Already \$24,000 has been spent for experts. It is an outrage, but it can't be helped," added the comptroller. "The experts were paid at the rate of \$100 a day, approximately \$15 an hour, in some cases." It was stated that the cost of the trial so far had been upwards of \$100,000.

Work of the Life Savers.

Washington.—General Superintendent S. I. Kimball, of the Life Saving Service, says that during the past fiscal year the number of disasters to vessels within the field of operation of the service was 838. Of these 35 vessels were lost. The total value of property imperilled was \$8,832,585 and the property lost \$1,399,600. Property saved aggregated \$7,432,985. The life saving station succored 807 persons. There were 611 vessels valued with their cargoes at \$5,661,235 saved.

Prominent Tennessean Dead.

Nashville, Tenn.—Col. A. S. Colyar, aged 90 years, distinguished jurist, statesman and author, died at his home here Friday. He was a member of the confederate congress.

HARRY ORCHARD AS HE IS.

Idaho's Star Witness Shown to the Jury in All the Hidingness of His True Colors.

Boise, Ida.—Clarence Darrow, the Chicago attorney who is conducting the defense of George A. Pettibone, had Harry Orchard, the state's chief witness on the rack for two hours and a half Friday endeavoring to discredit his testimony. The cross-examination was rigid and effective in that it pictured Orchard as an inhuman monster, a murderer, bigamist, perjurer, gambler, thief and incendiary. Profiting by the failure of Attorney Richardson in the Haywood trial to shake the testimony of Orchard, Darrow made little attempt to make the witness contradict himself.

Twice only during the day did he try to confuse Orchard in regard to his testimony and each time he failed. Reading from the testimony of the Haywood trial Darrow endeavored to make it appear that the witness had changed his statements, but Orchard forced his questioner to read more of his testimony given before, showing that his testimony had been the same at both trials. Darrow laid particular emphasis on the fact that Orchard was a criminal before he became acquainted with Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone. After his cross-examination on each of Orchard's crimes before his trip to Denver in December, 1903, Darrow asked:

"Did you know Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone?"

Each time the witness answered: "No."

Democrats Go to Denver.

Washington.—After deciding to hold the next democratic national convention at Denver, Col., and fixing the date of the meeting for July 7, 1908, the democratic national committee late Thursday entered upon a spirited debate on the propriety of accepting more of the \$100,000 offered by Denver for the convention than actually needed to pay the convention expenses in that city. The opposition took the form of a resolution by Representative Clayton of Alabama, declining money not actually needed for convention purposes, but after a long debate the resolution was laid on the table by a vote of 31 to 14.

A "Closed" Sunday for Topeka.

Topeka, Kan.—Mayor Wm. Green Tuesday notified Chief of Police Eaton that nothing but the necessities of life should be sold in Topeka hereafter on Sundays beginning December 15. The single exception made is in favor of the Sunday newspaper, sold on the streets. Grocery stores, news stands and confectionery stores must close. No hotels may sell cigars. Drug stores will be allowed to remain open but nothing but medicines necessary for sickness shall be dispensed. Sunday theaters will not be affected as the city now has a test case before the supreme court.

Failed to Pay Its Taxes.

New York.—The city has discovered that it has \$815,195 coming from a street car company. In looking up the facts in regard to the Brooklyn, Queens City and Suburban Railroad company, which has asked for permission to lay more tracks, it was discovered that the company has not paid the 5 per cent gross earnings which it should have paid in 1898. On account of the statute of limitations the tax can only be collected for the past six years. The city will attempt to make the collection.

THE SIXTIETH CONGRESS

A Condensed Account of Transactions at the National Capital.

The Most Important Items Gathered From Each Day's Session of Senate and House.

Washington.—In the senate Monday bills introduced included the following:

By Mr. Platt, of New York, for national supervision of corporations including a national bureau of incorporation.

By Mr. McLaurin, to relieve the present money stringency and prevent its recurrence. It permits persons owning any bonds of the United States to deposit them in the treasury and receive notes to an amount equaling their par value. It is provided that until February, 1909, persons owning one or more bales of cotton may deposit it in a depository designated by the secretary of the treasury and receive treasury notes to the extent of 70 per cent of the value of the cotton. If not redeemed the cotton shall be sold by the government. The bill also imposes a penalty on dealing in "cotton futures," of \$100,000 fine or five years imprisonment.

Senator Davis Attacked Trusts.

Washington.—Passionate oratory marked the proceedings of the senate Wednesday. Senator Jeff Davis of Arkansas, who, when elected, declared that he would attack the trusts immediately after taking his seat, fulfilled his promise, although he was a few days late in doing so. The speech was filled with sensational declarations and was given with that vigor for which the Arkansas senator is famous in his own state. Quaint phrasing, pointed denunciations, and evidences of intense emotion characterized his remarks. He was given a careful hearing by senators and the galleries were well filled throughout the time he held the floor. Beginning shortly before 1 o'clock he spoke for a little more than an hour. At the close of the speech the senate went into executive session and at 2:10 o'clock adjourned. The house was not in session.

Restricting Bank Officers.

Washington.—A bill making it a felony for a national bank or any of its officers to speculate with funds of the bank and making it a high misdemeanor to borrow from a national bank with which to speculate, was introduced Thursday by Representative DeArmond of Missouri. The extreme penalty provided under the felony clause is ten years imprisonment, and under the misdemeanor clause, \$1,000 fine.

Sent to Finance Committee.

Washington.—Senator Culberson's resolution for an inquiry by the senate committee on finance into the recent issue of bonds by the government was Tuesday sent to the finance committee upon a statement by Mr. Aldrich that that committee would meet in a few days and report a resolution covering the entire subject.

More Pay for Rural Carriers.

Washington.—Senator Hansbrough, of North Dakota, proposes an increase in the maximum salary allowed rural free delivery carriers from \$900 to \$1,200. He gave notice Tuesday of an amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill to that effect.

Proposed Discovery Day.

Washington.—Representative Goulden of New York introduced a bill making October 12 a national holiday to celebrate the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus October 12, 1492. The day would be known as Discovery day.

Nominations Confirmed.

Washington.—The senate Wednesday confirmed the nomination of the Isthmian canal commissioners of Frank Pierce of Utah to be assistant secretary of the interior and of more than 200 other officials, mostly postmasters.

To Prevent Injunction.

Washington.—A bill designed to restrain the United States circuit and district courts and judges, from issuing temporary injunctions against the operation of the state laws was introduced in the house Thursday by Mr. Clayton of Alabama.

Would Exempt Coal and Lumber.

Washington.—Bills exempting all lumber and coal from import duty were introduced in the house Thursday by Mr. Boeher of Missouri.

The "Southern Sultan" Retreats.

Paris.—In a dispatch from Casa Blanca, General Drude, the French military commander in Morocco reports that Mulai Hafla, the "Southern Sultan," had withdrawn in the direction of Morocco City and at the same time ordered his forces near Sidiassa and Mogador also to retire.

Iowa Delegation for Cummins.

Des Moines, Iowa.—An effort will be made to get the delegation from Iowa for Cummins for president. This was learned Friday from close friends